1	2	3	4
16.	Manipur	2965	2.95
17.	Meghalaya	7640	5.98
18.	Mizoram	1423	1.04
19.	Nagaland	1654	1.74
20.	Orissa	69700	51.56
21.	Punjab	16151	15.52
22.	Rajasthan	74118	102.16
23.	Sikkim	871	0.98
24.	Tamil Nadu	35599	41.52
25.	Tripura	5226	5.26
26.	Uttaranchal	93187	7.80
27.	Uttar Pradesh	12681	186.44
28.	West Bengal	70858	108.86
	Union Territories		
29.	A&N Islands	361	0.35
30.	Chandigarh	344	0.57
31.	D&N Haveli	209	0.33
32.	Daman & Diu	82	0.15
33.	Delhi	5777	12.38
34.	Lakshadweep	32	0.00
35.	Pondicherry	255	0.51
	TOTAL:	953661	1193.81

Interest of Harvard University in higher education in India

1372. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Harvard University has shown interest to expand contacts with India for achieving excellence in higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the President of this University has given some suggestions to improve the education system in India with a view to attract foreign students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) There is no such proposal with the Central Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Special Focus Districts

1373. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified Special Focus Districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria for selecting districts under this scheme; and

(d) the details of benefits/assistance provided under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry has identified 105 Special Focus Districts in the country as given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) These Special Focus Districts are identified by combining the lists of districts following two criterion:-

(i) All Districts where Polytechnics are proposed to be set up under the National Common Minimum Programme,

(ii) Districts common in the lists of Planning Commission (identified for implementation of Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) and Ministry of Rural Development (identified under National Food for Work Programme) and districts appearing either in the list of Ministry of SJ&E (Minority Concentration districts and districts with SC female literacy less than 10%) or in the list of Ministry of Tribal Affairs (ITDP areas, Schedule V & Schedule VI areas).

(d) Government accords priority to these districts in implementation of Schemes/Programmes for educational development. Out of 105 Special Focus Districts, 87 and 80 Districts respectively have been covered under the Schemes of Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas.